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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Atty. Docket No.: J-2961

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

**Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the following application:

Application

Application Serial No: 09/677,663
Filed on: October 2, 2000
Inventors: William E. LeBoeuf et al.
Title: Processing Substrate and/or Support Surface
Art Unit: 1772
Examiner: Alicia Ann Chevalier
Attorney Docket No.: J-2961

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on **April 27, 2004**.

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- ☐ a. Previously submitted
 - ☐ i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____.
 - ☐ ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
 - ☐ iii. Other
- ☒ b. Enclosed
 - ☒ i. Amendment
 - ☐ ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - ☐ iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - ☐ iv. Other

2. Miscellaneous

- ☐ a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- ☒ b. ***IF AN EXTENSION OF TIME IS REQUIRED IN THIS APPLICATION OR ANY PARENT APPLICATION AND IS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS TRANSMISSION, PLEASE CONSIDER THIS AS A REQUEST THEREFOR.***
- ☐ c. Other

3. Fees

- ☒ a. Check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed.
- ☒ b. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1309.
 - ☒ i. Any deficiency in the amount enclosed or any additional fees, which may be required during the pendency of this application under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17, except issue fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1903. (A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed).
 - ☐ ii. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)

4. Deposit Account and Refund Authorization

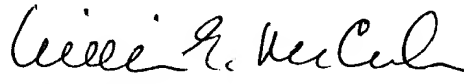
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the amount enclosed or any additional fees which may be required during the pendency of this application under 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-1903. A copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Please refund any overpayment to McCracken & Frank LLP at the address below.

Respectfully submitted,

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April 27, 2004